

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 6-10, 14, 18, 22, and 26-39 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 6-9 are independent claims. Claims 1, 6-9, and 26-30 are amended, and claims 5, 13, 17, 21 and 25 are cancelled.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 5-9, 13, 17, 21, and 25-30 are objected to because the word “database” should be “data base” as stated in the disclosure. Applicants have amended these claims to change the word “database” to “data base” and respectfully request the claim objections be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 5, 13, 17, 21, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 5, 13, 17, 21, and 25 have been cancelled, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 5-10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 25-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent Publication No. 2002/0145702 to Kato (“Kato”) in view of US Patent Publication No. 2002/0176695 to Sawabe (“Sawabe”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons detailed below.

Claim 1 recites “wherein the data base area includes first mapping information between a presentation time and a unit of the first clip stream file and second mapping information between a presentation time and a unit of the second clip stream file, and the first mapping information includes at least one entry point, every still image in the first clip stream file being pointed to by an entry point”.

With respect to these limitations the November 9, 2010 Office Action, hereinafter referred to as “the Office Action”, refers to paragraphs [0194]-[0196], [0252], and [0349]-[0351] of Kato which discuss EP maps. The Office Action also references paragraph [0414] of Kato which discusses video stream TS2 commencing at a sequence header, GOP header, I-picture and a closed GOP. The Office Action also references paragraphs [0187]-[0188] of Kato which discuss thumbnails added to a volume, playlist and clip. Applicants further note, with respect to the first clip stream file including video data representing at least one still image recited in claim 1, the Examiner appears to reference the M2TS directory illustrated in FIG. 14 of Kato, which includes an AV stream file. However, nothing in Kato teaches **every still image** in the M2TS directory being pointed to by an entry point as claim 1 recites. The Office Action does not identify this feature of claim 1 in any of the other cited art either. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit the combination of Kato and Sawabe fails to teach each of the limitations of claim 1. consequently, Applicants respectfully submit a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established with respect to claim 1 or any claims depending from claim 1 as is required to support a rejection under §103.

Claims 6-9 include limitations similar to those discussed above with reference to claim 1. Accordingly, for at least the reason discussed above with respect to claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been

established with respect to any of claims 6-9 or any claims depending from any of claims 6-9 as is required to support a rejection under §103.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the rejection of claims 1, 2, 5-10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 25-39 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending objections and rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the telephone number of the undersigned below.

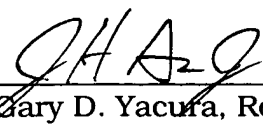
If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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